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SUBJECT.

Grant of Rs 25/- per mensem to the Srinivasa Mandiram Orphanage, Dampalo.

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Bangalore
7th March 1892.

Dear Sir,

I have copied overleaf the Memorandum No. 13779/82 dated 2d Instant from the Dewans office, for your kind perusal As noted therein, I beg to address the enclosed application to you for favorable consideration and necessary action in the matter.

I need hardly tell you anything special about the Sreenivasa Mandiram and its Charities. The objects and aims of the said institution are so well known to you, that they require no repetition This is a time in which you could do your best to me and to the institution I represent, if you really appreciate my humble endeavours and the large amount of self sacrifice of my own interests at great risk. If you mean to give me a grant, I may show you a provision in the Statute of very large accumulations of Muzrai surplus funds. Even the poor Bangalore District,

[illegible] a sum total of about Rs. 29000.
presuming that he may have difficulties in the matter of the disposal of the [illegible] funds I might take the liberty to [illegible] that there are other means of [illegible] the Chamarajendra Mandiram with Main finance from the funds of many fallen and illegally misused Chattrams and other like charities [illegible] the waste of Government money [illegible] and you are also acquainted with the present tendency of the times in aiding [illegible] education &c. The tendency is more of a technical nature than that of a protective The abuses of these places have compelled us to think so, and so their uses are completely lost to us. But my Mandiram, shall I say, is an Exception to the generality of temples, and that its objects are very liberal, and attempts to spread the truths of a theosophical and universal religion.

Though this temple is said to be an aided Muzrai institution of the Govt., I have not received any help whatever from the Govt. Not even a building grant. In several cases the Govt have contributed moderately in my case nil. Notwithstanding the large

amount I have already spe- on the Hanumanna and its buildings, the structure is still incomplete. Completion means another four thousand Rupees at least. I request you to recommend the giving of this 4,000 Rupees, so that I might complete the whole building, and make it entirely a convenient and habitable place to religious men, Students, orphans, Pelgrims and others. For the present, I am Experiencing the greatest difficulties in the matter of organizing religious lectures and holy congregations, for want of proper shelter and accomodation.

As we fortunately happen to be well-known to each other, I need not dwell at any length, more, on the subject than what I have now stated in this letter and the enclosed application. I should only feel contented myself of having allowed the matter to come to your hands.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours very faithfully
A. Ghalaychar Ch.

A. Sreenivasa Chetty Esq. B.A.
Secretary & Muzrai Superintendent
to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

No 1379/182.

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.
Bangalore 20/4 March 1892.

Memorandum.

In reply to his letter dated the 26th Ultimo Mr A. G Apalucharlu is informed that his application for a Muzzroy grant for the Sreenivasa Mandiram should be addressed in the first instance to the Muzzroy Superintendent.

By Order
Signed/ M N Narain Rao
Under Secretary.

Mr. A. G Apalucharlu.

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Bangalore
7th March 1892.

A. Sreenivasa Charlu Esqre R. B.
Secretary and Muzrai Superintendent
to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I most humbly beg to apologize for the liberty I take if I be intruding on your precious time.

I have so often made oral and written representations concerning the temple with which I am connected, that I consider it unnecessary to repeat them here.

Now that a general revision and a thorough re-organization of the Muzrai in the Province has been directed by the Government, I respectfully beg that you will be pleased to consider favorably and generously my repeated applications for an increased grant of Pastick on behalf of my Mandiram. The Pastick allowance now given by Government being only a Rupee and a half per mensem, it does not suffice, I beg leave to state to meet even the most ordinary wants of

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[illegible] I have shown in my previous applications, [illegible] to say again that a sum of [illegible] at least is required to meet the establishment charges, the expenses needed for the conduct of divine worship every day, Yea, every [illegible] For nearly five years past, I have been able to pay these and more by the generous pecuniary remittances given to me from time to time by the noble minded Princes and gentlemen, inside the territories of Mysore

Now, hard times are come, there is distress prevailing everywhere in this country, & I fear if there be any hope of any obtaining any Grant now and at all for the present

The plan of the rice dole collection which I have thought of and been working for the last few weeks in furtherance of the double object of carrying on the worship in the Temple, and of helping the deserving poor does not meet with general approval and encouragement, and is difficult of elaborate operations, owing to absolute want of co-operation and fellow divine-spirited workers It has for these reasons and several others with which it is unnecessary to trouble you, become a matter of very great

difficult

friendly and deep concern to me to manage this institution

I therefore beg and trust that this my present application is reasonable and you will generously be pleased to grant it and thus enable me to carry out the several objects of the temple, and to make it if possible a place of religious instruction to the public at large.

For which act of charity I pray that God Almighty may grant you long life sound health and prosperity

I beg leave to remain

Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servant,

A. Gallatin

MUZARAYI. 149

(General Serial No. 30.)

1892.

*From* Mr. A Gopala Charlu
Sreenivasa Mandiram
& Charities. Bangalore

*To*

The Muzrai Supt.

*Dated* 22nd Bangalore.

*Despatched* December 1892

*Received*

Enclosures No. 6.

*General No.*
*No.*

Submitting a report on the working of the Sreenivasa Mandiram & Charities and requesting that his application for a Muzrai grant may be favourably considered and an early reply complied with

To the Sameno 579-10 of 18/12/93
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# REPORT

OF THE

# SRINIVASA MANDIRAM

AND THE

# Oriental and Mixed Library,

FOR THE YEAR

# 1891-1892.

THE Meeting to hear the reading of the report of the above Institutions took place yesterday evening, (3rd Nov. 1892) at 6-30 in the Hall of the Library. The following Native gentlemen were present on the occasion :—The Hon'ble Mr. P. Chentsal Rao Puntalu Garu, C.I.E, President; Messrs. T. R. A. Thumbu Chetty, Chief Judge ; Krishna Rao, District Judge ; Narain Rao, Under-Secretary ; Rama Rao, Assistant Commissioner ; Veeraswamy Moodliar, Treasury Officer ; B. K. Venketavardiengar, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur ; S. Soobroy Iyer, Town Magistrate; K. Sreenivasa Rao, Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey ; Advocates Alsingarachar, Narain Row, and Gungathara Iyer, Assistant Commissioner Parmasiva Iyer and several others. The hall was filled to overcrowding. The band of the Local Volunteers opened the proceedings with a lively air called "Yours Sincerely." The President arrived a little later than the hour announced. He was led to the chair by Mr. Gopala Charlu, the founder of the Institutions, Before reading the report of the Institutions, Mr. Gopala Charlu read two letters, one from the British Resident, and the other from the Rev. Mr. Slater, both stating their inability to be present on the occasion. With the Chairman's permission he then read the following report :—

2. Another year has now elapsed, and the two Institutions, in the welfare of which you and I are alike interested have passed through it, though from a pecuniary stand-point, these twelve months have not been of material help to them, yet it is necessary and expedient that there should be a report embodying the working of both the Institutions—that is, what has been attempted and what accomplished, in furtherance of the objects thereof.

3. The purely religious character of the one and the secular character of the other Institution is so well-known, that it is unnecessary to dwell on it again. I must however remark that the work which the Temple or Mandiram is attempting to carry on, is still an up-hill work, beset with numerous difficulties and obstacles ; but it affords me pleasure to state that the work which it is the object of the Library to effect, is going on steadily and satisfactorily, with this drawback, however, that the pecuniary support afforded to it by the Government and the Municipality is, it is to be regretted, not quite commensurate with its needs. With regard to the Library and the Reading Room, where there is a pretty large number of books and news-papers and Periodicals collected, which are opened to all classes of the community, without any charge being leviable for their use, I regret further to remark that very little pecuniary help is voluntarily offered by the public to enable me to make the Institution more useful by additions to the number of books and Periodicals to be found there at present. When I speak of the work of the Mandiram, being of an up-hill nature, I mean that the work cannot be carried on in a manner which should keep pace with the times with respect to the ideas now entertained as to Religion and God, faith, holiness, &c. The ideal kept in view

however, in carrying out work is that it should be a model place of worship and spiritual instruction to its devotees. In effecting such reforms as are necessary, under the circumstances, I endeavour to have as much regard as is possible to the orthodox mode of Temple worship—that is to the performance of its rituals and ceremonies.

I will now show the receipts and disbursements of the two Institutions separately so that that the transactions of the Mandiram may not become mixed up with those of the Library. This was suggested by the Chairman at the last annual meeting, Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, and I now carry out that suggestion, so that the people may learn how the state of the accounts of the two Institutions stand. The following statements A and B given below show the receipt and disbursements of both the Institutions. The statements are also sufficiently explanatory to satisfy my supporters under what heads the contributions received have been expended:—

STATEMENT A.

THE LIBRARY.

*General summary of cash from November 1891 to October 1892.*

| RECEIPTS. | AMOUNT. | | | EXPENDITURE. | AMOUNT | | | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To balance cash ... | 125 | 0 | 0 | Establishment charges ... | 102 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Subscriptions to Papers and Periodicals ,, | 200 | 0 | 0 | |
| ,, Municipal grant ... | 300 | 0 | 0 | Purchase of books ... | 195 | 8 | 0 | |
| | | | | Printing charges ... | 103 | 0 | 0 | |
| ,, Educational grant... | 40 | 0 | 0 | Charges incurred on account of hired furniture ... | 23 | 4 | 0 | |
| | | | | Purchase of Furniture ... | 72 | 8 | 0 | |
| ,, Charity box ... | 5 | 0 | 0 | Repairs and whitewashing, &c. ... | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Stationary and lighting, &c. ... | 85 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Building debt ... ... | 110 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Total Rs... | 1,000 | 4 | 0 | |
| | | | | Deduct receipts... | 470 | 0 | 0 | |
| TOTAL Rs... | 470 | 0 | 0 | Balance... | *530 | 4 | 0 | * This sum stands as a debt against the Institution. |

STATEMENT B.

THE MANDIRAM.

*General summary of cash from November 1891 to October 1892.*

| RECEIPTS. | AMOUNT. | | | EXPENDITURE. | AMOUNT. | | | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Balance cash ... | 125 | 0 | 0 | Feeding expenses ... ... | 577 | 4 | 0 | |
| | | | | Establishment ... ... | 102 | 8 | 0 | |
| ,, Value of the grain doles collected ... | 270 | 4 | 0 | Temple charges; viz. Flowers, Camphor, &c. ... | 18 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Lighting charges ... ... | 34 | 0 | 0 | |
| ,, Donations and Subscriptions ... | 197 | 8 | 0 | Purchase of vessels, &c. ... | 80 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Repairs and whitewashing ... ... | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Miscellaneous charges, viz. Musicians, Processions and Clothing to destitute Bhyragees, &c. ... | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | Total Rs... | 861 | 12 | 0 | |
| | | | | Deduct receipts... | 592 | 12 | 0 | |
| Total Rs... | 592 | 12 | 0 | Balance Rs... | *269 | 0 | 0 | * This sum stands as a debt against the Institution. |

The above two statements will suffice to convince the public that I have to encounter many pecuniary difficulties in the management and up-keep of the two institutions.

5. It was one of my objects to construct a separate building for the reception and shelter of orphans and destitute children, in connection with the Mandiram; but as this object could not be accomplished for want of funds, I have placed in a small structure in the Mandiram compound a few boys, who are permanent inmates and are educated, fed, and clothed, and there are besides these, on an average, about four boys from outside, who receive cooked food, for which they call at the Mandiram at appointed hours; and in addition to these again about 4 persons, on an average, are fed every day, who come under the heads of poor travellers, ascetics, &c. This cooked food is that which is offered to the God, according to our ritual, every day. To carry out this charity, I adopted the plan of collecting rice doles from different people in the Town to whom I circulated the appeal given below:—

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Owing to the very difficult financial condition, I have deemed it very necessary to trouble you all with a request, which I hope, you, friends, will not grudge granting me in the interests of public charity. The request being one so small as to be within the easy reach of every individual, I am induced to hope that you may not feel any weight or responsibility in giving it a fair consideration. I shall be perfectly unwilling to harass you for any pecuniary help or attempt to extract promises which might cost you greatly. But all I ask of you is A HANDFUL OF RICE every day, which may be put in a pot placed at your disposal. The rice doles thus given will be collected by the Mandiram man once a week, say every Saturday, and shall be stored in the Mandiram for the purpose of utilising the same to feed some of the poor, destitute students, and Children, and deserving needy way farers. By thus doing, I may for your information, say, that we shall be serving twofold objects, viz.,we shall carry out the daily religious services of the Mandiram in our own form of ritual, when the offering of food is considered necessary, and by that food, we shall be satisfying also the hunger of the most deserving men above referred to thus serving God and Man at one and the same time. To give this undertaking a fair trial, I have secured a good man of Northern India to look after the collection of the rice doles and the bearer * * * is that person, who presents this humble appeal to you. I beg you will kindly allow him to leave the rice pot at your place and oblige. I beg to hope that you, Gentlemen, who sympathise with me in this object, will be good enough to ask the ladies at home, to view this giving of the dole as their charitable duty, and to attend to the same as one of their numerous daily observances.

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To the above appeal some of the people responded, and the system, has been in working since January last, but the collections do not meet all the necessary expenses. A weekly statement of grain doles collected and sold for condiments &c., and of cooked food distributed, is sent to the local papers, for the information of the donors, and a copy of the same is affixed to a board placed in the vestibule of the Mandiram. It would be of additional help, in carrying out this plan successfully, if the donors would kindly give some small coin every week with their doles. The sum thus collected will go to meet the salaries of the cooks and other servants attached to the Mandiram. The business of collecting these doles was at first entrusted to servants and did not work satisfactorily. I then took the matter in hand myself, and now I go out every Saturday morning, at 6 o'clock, in order to collect doles, and return home about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. This has affected my health, but as it is a self-imposed responsibility, I still continue it.

6. During the year, there were several distinguished visitors to the Mandiram and the Library. The first amongst them was His Highness the Raja of Kolhapore and suite. This visit was followed by visits from the following gentlemen:—The Honorable Mr. P. Chentsal Rao Pantulu Garoo, C. I. E., Ex-Member of the Madras Legislative Council, Member of the Supreme Legislative Council and also an esteemed Member of the Council of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Colonel P. D. Henderson, C. S. I., our present popular British Resident of Mysore, accompanied by Major C. W. Ravenshaw, the 1st Assistant to the Resident. All these

visitors expressed themselves highly interested in and exceedingly well-pleased with both the Institutions and admired the order and the arrangements made for the carrying out of the objects of these two Institutions.

7. The Library is becoming every day more and more popular and useful. The number of reading visitors, during the year was 11,851.

8. The Mandiram, also, is becoming very popular amongst both the educated gentlemen and the masses. Since July last, a regular series of weekly sermons was begun, and is being delivered by me every Saturday evening, in the Mandiram, which embrace various topics of morality and religion, and treat the same in a liberal and unsectarian manner. These sermons are pretty well attended. I have erected a small moveable pulpit at each side of which is a shade for light, by which I read the sermons, the kind of pulpit being quite a novelty. Instrumental, and at times, vocal music, is performed before and after these sermons.

9. I give below a statement for the whole year showing the number of orphan students in the Mandiram and from out-side, and of destitutes, travellers, and religious men, &c., who had food and shelter from the institution:—

STATEMENT C.

*Particulars of the collection of grain doles and distribution of cooked food from November 1891 to October 1892.*

| MONTHS. | No of houses visited on week days. | Quantity of rice collected in seers. | Quantity sold for the purchase of condiments in seers. | Quantity consumed in seers. | Balance. | No. AND DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS FED. | | | | | | Average number fed daily. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Infirms & destitutes. | Orphan Students fed on prescribed week days. | Permanent Orphan Students. | Mandiram Servants on Religious duties. | Travellers | Total. | |
| November 1891 ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| December do ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| January 1892 ... | 414 | 227 | 113½ | 74 | 39½ | 28 | 7 | 7 | 84 | 22 | 148 | 4·7 |
| February do ... | 336 | 172 | 86 | 74 | 12 | 23 | 12 | 42 | 64 | 6 | 147 | 5·06 |
| March do ... | 370 | 168½ | 76½ | 92 | ... | 28 | 16 | 55 | 67 | 17 | 183 | 5·90 |
| April do ... | 351 | 144¾ | 50¾ | 94 | ... | 28 | 16 | 25 | 64 | 54 | 187 | 6 23 |
| May do ... | 371 | 249½ | 123½ | 107 | 19 | 35 | 17 | 25 | 80 | 58 | 215 | 6·93 |
| June do ... | 368 | 236¾ | 117¾ | 108 | 11 | 28 | 15 | 80 | 64 | 29 | 216 | 7·2 |
| July do ... | 482 | 299 | 144½ | 136 | 18½ | 35 | 28 | 58 | 94 | 58 | 273 | 8·80 |
| August do ... | 380 | 235½ | 95½ | 140 | ... | 28 | 24 | 109 | 104 | 15 | 280 | 9·03 |
| September do .. | 333 | 242 | 122½ | 114 | 5½ | 27 | 16 | 65 | 96 | 25 | 229 | 7·63 |
| October do .. | 543 | 387 | 168½ | 215½ | 3 | 63 | 36 | 119 | 146 | 67 | 431 | 13 90 |
| TOTAL .. | 3948 | 2362 | 1099 | 1154½ | 108½ | 323 | 187 | 585 | 863 | 351 | 2309 | 7 538 |

All the orphan students shown above were recommended by the Principals of different Schools and also at times by many gentlemen, as deserving of support.

10. My thanks are due to the Government and Mr. H. J. Bhabha, M. A., the Educational Secretary for the grant of Rs. 10 which is now made to me on behalf of the Library, and I may express a hope that the Government will be pleased soon to increase it. I have also to thank the City Municipality for its grant to me for the same purpose. I trust it will be raised to Rs. 50. An application for the increase of the grant, which I made to the Government and

copy of which was sent to the Municipality is now pending disposal by the latter body. Mr. Mir Shujait Ali Khan, Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore and President of the Municipality visited the Library and the Mandiram, and expressed his satisfaction at the work done, and promised to take my application into his best consideration. As some months have passed since, I hope he will decide the matter and help the cause of the Institution, which is deserving of every encouragement.

11. The Dewan, Mr. K. Sheshadri Iyer, C. S. I., since the beginning of the work, has been very kind to me, and sympathetic with the aims and objects of the Institutions. He has made two visits to them and has cheered me with encouraging words on many occasions and has promised to consider the claims of the Institutions favourably. I sent an application to him some months back, for a Muzroy grant, and have been favoured with an answer from the Muzroy Superintendent to the effect that my application will be considered in the general revision of *Tasdiks* (allowances to temples). It is to be hoped that a favourable decision will be given soon as sometime has elapsed since my application.

12. At the last annual meeting, the Chairman suggested that a well-organized and active working committee should be formed for the management of the Institutions, but I regret to say that, though there is a committee, it is only a nominal one. It is very difficult to find gentlemen willing to expend their time and money for purposes of this sort. If I could supply the sinews of war, *i. e*, money, any committee that could be formed would only be too glad to exercise authority in the management of these Institutions.

13. I have to express my sincerest and grateful thanks to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, for his liberal contribution of Rs. 500, to Srinivasa Mandiram and Charities, which is one more proof of the enlightened personal interest which our beloved Maharaja takes in all useful public Institutions in the Province, and I hope that the Muzaroy Department of His Highness' Government will imitate His Highness' enlightened liberality and make a suitable annual or monthly grant, so as to insure permanence and an increased sphere of usefulness to the Institutions I have had the honour to found.

14. In conclusion, I beg to tender my sincere thanks to all the gentlemen, outside the Province of Mysore, and especially to Seith Lukshmon Doss of Muttra, North-West Provinces, for the valuable help and support they have given me from time to time.

15. I close this report with informing you all, that I am about to undertake an eleemosynary expedition to the several Districts of the Mysore Province, and it remains to be seen what success I shall be able to command. The object of the expedition is to collect funds for the extension of the building, which now affords shelter to the orphans, and to establish if possible a permanent fund for the up-keep of the Mandiram and other charities connected with it.

16. After the reading of the above report which occupied more than 20 minutes, the Chairman said that he was very much obliged to Mr. Gopala Charlu for asking him to preside on the occasion. Not being a literary man himself, he was about refusing the honor, but, when he thought it was the request of so devoted a man, devoted to God as well as his fellow-beings, he was prompted not to do so. Further, as Mr. Gopala Charlu confessed before reading his report, that he was not a man of great deeds and learning, and as the Chairman thought himself in the same position, he would not say more, than observe that the whole work Mr. Gopala Charlu had nobly undertaken is indeed a laudable one. But coming to the more important subject of the Library, in which he is specially interested, he said, that nothing is more wise than the development of our intellectual faculties, and he asked "what is culture"? Nothing but the improvement received from the study of books. Books, he said, are our companions, our associates and our dearest friends, who do not, as many friends do, desert us when we are old and sick; they speak when spoken to, they are life-long friends, they give us the best of advice; and who, he questioned, can be greater men, than those who publish such books? He then told the audience that he would not trouble them any longer with the commonplace of books; but say a word on what Mr. Gopala Charlu has bitterly and justly complained of. He said, that it is impossible for any society to reap good results, if each member does not put forth all his

efforts, and work hard, using all influence to make it the more popular. We must have books he said, to suit all of us. He understood that there was a very splendid reading room in the station with a very large variety of books, for the use of subscribers, and he suggested that if some amalgamation cou'd be arranged, he fancied it would overcome all the difficulties exposed by Mr. Gopala Charlu. We must sacrifice something, he said, if we want to gain anything, and so if they sacrificed, or rather combined together, and subscribed freely, they would then have the pleasure, as wealthy men, to look upon an excellent library with satisfaction ; and, he added, that if the members subscribed to the full strength of their mite, he was sure the Government would give as much as what may be subscribed. The Municipality, he said, are bound to help liberallly if they had funds enough ; but as everybody must drink water before they read, he thought it a wiser plan for the Municipality to supply them with better water to drink, (Hear, hear.) In conclusion, he strongly urged the advantages that would be received by the support of one large Library, and promised that he would do his best in the matter, provided the members did theirs. He also made a few humourous remarks about the proverbial hatredness of the Hindu mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law, and, as such, compared Lutchmi and Sarasvati always by great degrees of such hatredness, meaning thereby, that money and learning would never go hand in hand. He further said, that a Library should contain a large collection of all sorts of books, suitable to different tastes, for he observed, that a man enjoying the honey moon would not care much to relish Adam Smith's Wealth of Nations or a man of Mr. Gopala Charlu's temparament, who has made religion his life long study, would not relish books treating of the exploits of Alexander the Great or Napolean Bonaparte. He said that all this meant, a large outlay of money, which it would be next to impossibility, to expect from a man of Mr. Gopala Charlu's humble means and position. Therefore, he said, he reminded again of their own duty in the benevolent cause he (Mr. Gopala Charlu) had undertaken, and also remarked that he would be glad to mention the circumstance to the most enlightened Maharajah and to his ever willing Dewan.

17. At the conclusion of the Chairman's address a native violinist entertained those present with two sacred Hindu songs one of which was sung to the tune of "God Save the Queen." The Volunteer band then struck up a lively galop and *pan supari* was distributed. All present were garlanded, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman being proposed by Mr. T. Parmasiva Iyer, the audience broke up gradually at 7-30 P. M.

BANGALORE,
*3rd November 1892.*

A. GOPALACHAR'LU.

# Memorandum.

From

A. GOPALA CHARLU,
SRINIVASA MANDIRAM AND CHARITIES,
BANGALORE.

Dated 22nd Dec 1892

To

The Inamdar Superintendent to the Govt of Mysore
Bangalore

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith three (3) copies of the report of the above Institutions for the year 1891-92 and, in doing so I beg to invite your kind attention to the statements, three in number A & B which show the financial Condition of the Institutions.

Though you are specially interested in the welfare of the Inamdary Charities, still I am sorry that you have allowed me to remain in cold. I think, I may take the liberty of stating that the Claims of the Sreenivasa mandiram deserve to be Considered as a case very special. I have often explained to you and to the Dewan my difficulties regarding the maintenance of the Mandiram and its Charities. Both you and the Dewan have often been pleased to favour me with promises very encouraging to the work with which I have identified myself.

You have also favoured me with an official Memorandum nearly seven months ago to say that my application for a Inamdary Grant will be favourably disposed of. If this could be complied with early enough, I should feel myself greatly relieved from many anxieties and difficulties. To say a little on the subject

to

the report itself is a document which will speak in support of this my application.

I have the honor to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant.

Alfred Mudge

With three copies of the Kanarese abstract report

General Serial No. 30.)

OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE 1893

From

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

To The Huzrat Secretary

Dated 1st July 1893.

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**Enclosures No. 2**

General No. 42
No. 15

Application, dated 20th June 1893, from Mr A. Gopalacharlu in re a grant to the Srinivasa Mandiram, Bangalore.

Transferred to the Huzrat Secretary.

"By Order"

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For Chief Secretary

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To
T. Ananda Rao Esqre B.A
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.
Bangalore

Sir,

The marginally noted Docket* was favoured to me solong ago as 28th March 1892, and since then, I had the honor of interviewing the Dewan Bahadur, on two or three occasions to urge my request for the early granting of an allowance to Srinivasa Rau Diwan. Besides these interviews, I have often represented my cases to the Inspector Superintendent. The Dewan Bahadur is very kindly disposed towards my work, and referred me to the Inspector Superintendent, but this gentleman, has not been pleased

* No 471-80 D/ 28th March 1892.
In reply to his application D/ 9th inst. Mr. Gopalacharlu is informed that the question of general revision of Devastanam Thasdiks is under consideration of Government, and his application will be considered along with others.
By order
Sd/ A. Srinivasaiyangar
Secretary.

a. yet to close of my application, e-
though many months have passed, I
have been urging my application for
support to the Srinivasa Kandiram
since the year 1888, but the matter has
not yet been decided, and this delay
has very greatly discouraged me and
has added to the financial embarrass-
ment of the institution. The enclosed
printed report on Srinivasa Kandiram
and Charities for last year (copies of
which I have already submitted), and
certain portions thereof underlined, I beg
to say indicate the special character
of my Temple-Kandiram work, and
the usefulness also to temple-going e-
population. I have effected such reforms
as are feasible (other circumstances con-
sidered) and done, what lay in my
power for the stirring up of pious
and godly feelings in Temple-visitors,

if such Temple Visitors happen to go to Srimushnam Mandram, for the purposes of worship. The Temple work has secured the approbation of His Highness the Maharaja, the Dewan Bahadur, the Honible members of the Council, the Surgeon Superintendent and several other Gentlemen and people. That which many of these Gentlemen appreciate the most, is the manner in which the food offered to the Deity in the Temple is disposed of. In this connection, I beg leave to state, though I have not been able to fulfil my desire in thoroughly organising and starting an Orphan Asylum, still, a beginning is made with the Temple work, and the strength of the boys, &c, may be noticed in the statement marked C in the Report. This statement shows how the temple food is being distributed to advantage of the poor and destitute and other

deserving

deserving of help. Had I been a man of means and, in a position of one who can help himself, I should have been the last person to trouble the Government, with applications of this sort. If there is any rule with regard to Charitable Subscriptions, that they aid by the Government will be proportionate to that by the Public, I beg to invite your kind attention to the statement C already referred to, and to the total number of 2,362 seers of grain (or its value Rs. 270/4/- as shown in Statement B), contributed by the Public as their quota.

Some of my personal Communications to the Rowan Bahadur have already convinced him of my pecuniary difficulties and struggles, & as such, the only thing I beg of him, is to bring this application to the benevolent notice of the Rowan

Bahadur

Dahadur again, so that he may call the attention of the Murray - Superintendent, for an early settlement of the question of a grant to Srinivasa Murthy. The additional request that I should make to you, is to treat this my application on behalf of the Temple as a special one. Though a small Temple, the work it does, has, I need not repeat, some features of your kind notice and favourable Consideration. It only now remains for me, to further represent, that if no relief is vouchsafed to me soon, the work itself, for which I have spent the best years of my life, will, I am afraid, collapse, and my grief will then be inconsolable.

Bangalore
6th November 93.

To.

Sir K Seshadri Iyer,

Dewan of Mysore.

Sir,

You are so well aware how I have been devoting my poor life to the service of God and the public: and how the temple - Sreenivasa Mandiram restored by me, and the orphanage and the free Library, I have started deserve your kind and gracious support, and can hardly get on without it. I have so often brought my circumstances in these respects to

your

for kind notice that I refrain from saying anything in detail here. Please judge them as they are, and according to their Capacity for use-fulness for all time. I have explain-ed all about them to Mr A. Sree-nivasachariar, the Muzrey Superin-tendent. My humble request on their behalf is:-

1. I pray for an immediate Muzrey grant to the Sreenivasa Mandriam-dimple.
2. A liberal allowance for the sup-port of the Orphanage and also the grant of a building to enable me to extend its sphere of action and to introduce some industrial in-struction to the Orphans.

3. The Seminary Mundriam free library.
The question of support to this depart-
ment of my work has come, I believe
to a satisfactory conclusion. It rests
with the Educational Secretary, and
so I shall not trouble you about it
just now.

I herein beg to enclose copies
of my last months accounts, the
last weeks Statement of orphans fed
in the Mundriam and Orphanage,
together with a list of orphans and
other details. I have also enclosed a
copy of the Rejects of the Institution
to shew you the special character of
the Temple work and its other De-
partments. I am running into
debt every month and I see no
way to get over my difficulties.
The present is the most opportune

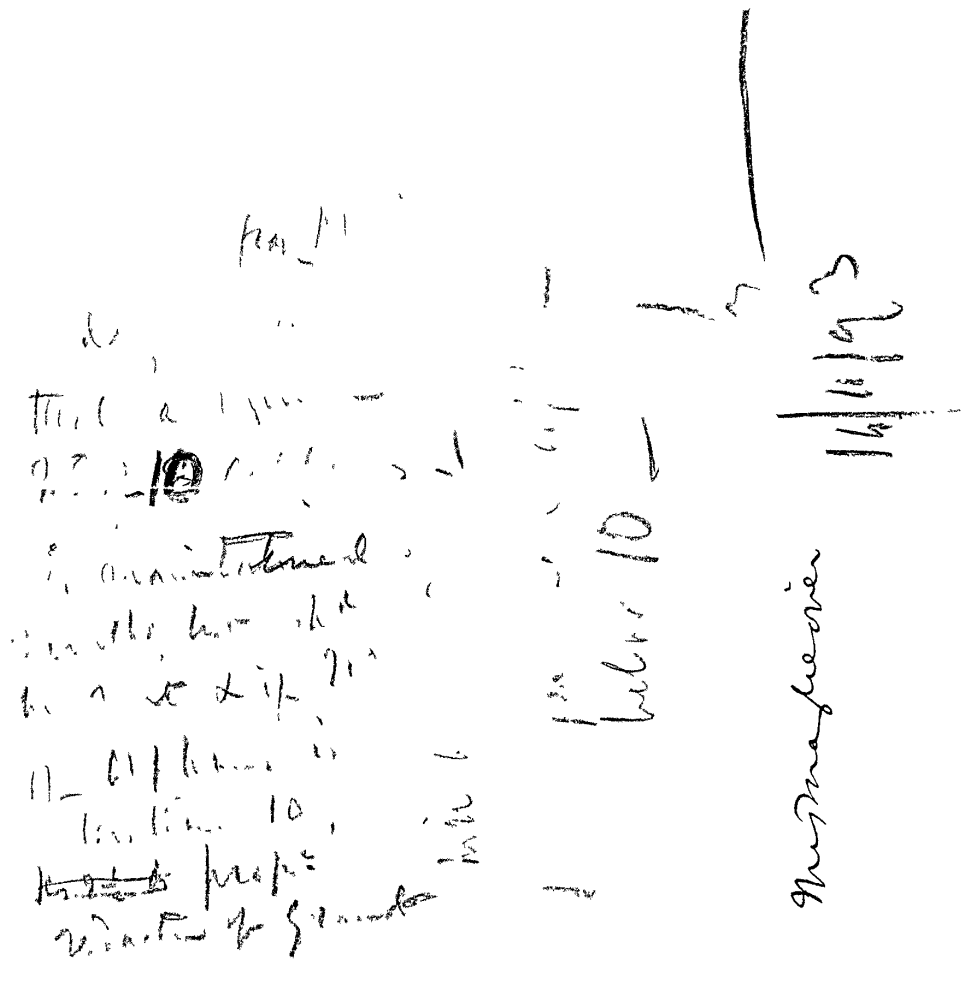
time to save me.

All the rest Mr Srinivasa Murthy would explain to you.

I beg leave to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,



Read

Petitions dated respectively 7th March and 22nd Decr/92 and 20th June & 6th Novr/93 from Mr. A. Gopalacharlu, Sreenivasa Mandiram and Charities, Bangalore, applying for an increased grant of Rs.dik to the Mandiram or Vyatataraya Swami temple at Bale Pettah, Bangalore, and an allowance for the maintenance of the orphanage attached thereto.

No. 579-26 & 18/11/93
Mun. 38-93

Order thereon ——

The Sreenivasa Mandiram has now an orphanage ~~to~~ attached to it for the support of orphan students. Mr. A. Gopalacharlu, manager thereof prays for an

no increased grant
of Rs. 1/2 to the Fire-
wood allowance and an allowance
for the maintenance of orphan
students in the Institu-
tions under this charge

2. Grants are pleased
to sanction a monthly
allowance of Rs. 25/ as
grant-in-aid for the
maintenance of the
Orphanage from the
Municipal General Surplus
funds of the Province,
provided that a minimum
number of 10 orphan
students prosecuting
studies in any recognized
institution, English,
Sanskrit or Vernacular,
is maintained and, if
the number of orphan
students is less than 10,
proportionate reduction
of grant will be made
at Rs. 2 1/2 per each

each orphan student
below 10. A monthly
list shewing the particulars
of the orphan students
fed in the [redacted]
should be submitted
to Govt. in the Mudyrai
Deptt. on or before the
10th of the month following.

3. The Sreenivasa
Mandiram is now
endowed with a Sadir
of Rs. 17-7-0 per annum
from Govt. No increase
of Sadir will be granted
thereto.

Secretary.
E.V.

To Mr. A. Gopalachariar
Sreenivasa Mandiram
and Charities, Bangalore
Comptroller to the
Govt. of Mysore.